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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1902.

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Moderator, Almon A. Davis
Town Clerk, Charles W. Buckminster

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

Chas. W. Buckminster, Lucius E. Parker
George W. C. Nye.

Town Treasurer, David B. Nims
School District Treasurer, David B. Nims
Grand Jurors, Lucius E. Parker, Almon A. Davis
Road Agent, Cassius M. C. Phillips
Constable, Robert L. Page
Sexton, David B. Nims

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

David B. Nims, Robert L. Page

FENCE VIEWERS.

George W. C. Nye, Herbert F. Bruce
Arthur W. Ware.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Almon A. Davis, Cassius M. C. Phillips
Cyrus K. Ellis.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Cassius M. C. Phillips, George W. C. Nye
Arthur W. Ware.

Auditor, Almon A. Davis

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST.

David B. Nims, Almon A. Davis
Cassius M. C. Phillips.

Collector of Taxes, Cassius M. C. Phillips

REPORT OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
OF ROXBURY, N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1903.

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Inventory of Polls and Taxable Property.

30 Polls,	\$3,000 00
49 Horses,	2,770 00
2 Oxen,	150 00
41 Cows,	1,090 00
22 Neat Stock,	376 00
61 Sheep,	274 00
Interest money,	550 00
Stock in trade,	150 00
Value improved and unimproved land and buildings,	70,452 00
Value of aqueducts and reservoirs,	7,500 00
Toral valuation,	\$86,312 00

Appropriations and money raised by taxation.

State tax,	\$140 25
County tax,	159 26
Town tax,	175 00
School tax,	198 00

Highway tax,	\$475 00
Overplus,	<u>17 70</u>

Total,	\$1,165 21
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Amount committed to tax collector,	\$1,165 21
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Rate per cent. state, county, town, school and highway, \$1.35.

Number of dogs in town April 1, 1902, 15.

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Ordinary Town Charges.

W. H. Spalter, collector's book and mdse.,	\$4 05
Chas. W. Buckminster, sundry town charges,	7 75
G. H. Aldrich & Son, insurance on hall and building,	12 50
Henry Ellis, maintenance of public watering trough,	3 00
George W. C. Nye, extra work as appraiser,	<u>3 75</u>
	\$31 05

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Chas. W. Buckminster, salary as 1st selectman,	\$20 00
Lucius E. Parker, salary as 2nd selectman,	15 00
George W. C. Nye, salary as 3rd selectman,	10 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, salary as town clerk,	8 00
Chas. W. Buckminster, salary as overseer of poor.	2 00
David B. Nims, salary as town treasurer,	6 00
David B. Nims, salary as supervisor,	3 00
Almon A. Davis, salary as supervisor,	3 00

Henry Ellis, salary as supervisor,	\$3 00
Cassius M. C. Phillips, salary as collector of taxes,	25 00

	\$95 00

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Merrill Mason, Jr., 5 sheep killed,	\$15 00
Lucius E. Parker, 4 sheep killed,	12 00
Fred W. Ruggles, 1 pig killed,	2 00
George W. C. Nye, examining sheep killed,	4 00

	\$33 00

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OVERSEER OF POOR.

To the selectmen of Roxbury: The town has no individual poor for whom it is chargeable, or any cases for which it is furnishing aid.

Chas. W. Buckminster, expenses to settle with County commissioners, April and October, \$1.50.

Very respectfully,

Chas. W. Buckminster, Overseer of Poor.

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HEALTH OFFICERS' REPORT.

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To the selectmen of Roxbury: We furnish the following report for the year ending Feb. 10, 1903.

On May 11, 1902, a complaint was received from Stillman Richardson, of Marlboro', that the source of his water supply situate in the town of Roxbury had been and then was polluted with decaying

animal matter to the danger of the health of himself and family and that the same was deposited therein with malicious intent or otherwise and allowed to remain there contrary to law. Upon investigation it was found that two horses were lying dead upon the land of E. A. Robbins, one of them partly in the brook and the other upon the bank thereof and allowed there to remain by Mr. Robbins, he not knowing that the water of the brook was used for domestic purposes. At the request of the board of health he immediately removed said offensive animals and buried them.

We wish to emphasize the fact that too much care cannot be used in regard to the disposition of dead animals, also decaying vegetable matter.

On Dec. 1st we were called upon to investigate a case of a sick cow and the services of a veterinary surgeon were called in but no decision was made of the nature of the disease, as the creature died and was soon buried.

There has been no contagious disease within our borders during the past year.

Dr. C. P. Bugbee, expenses visit to cow,	\$1 50
Almon A. Davis, expenses as health officer,	3 00
Cassius M. C. Phillips, expenses as health officer,	2 00

\$6 50

Respectfully submitted,

ALMON A. DAVIS,

CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,

CYRUS K. ELLIS,

Board of Health of Roxbury.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

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C. M. C. Phillips,	\$89 45
C. W. Buckminster,	9 30
A. Newcomb,	32 85
M. Buckminster,	18 15
L. Ellis,	25 43
E. A. Robbins,	7 49
Wm. B. Mark,	41 60
E. Russell,	12 75
H. Ellis,	1 95
M. Parker,	27 15
L. E. Parker,	16 65
L. W. Davis,	12 90
G. Ellis,	23 03
J. Delper,	22 95
J. Cota,	24 83
F. Hunt,	27 00
C. K. Ellis,	10 50
A. Davis,	4 50
T. A. Hastings,	51 88
Spencer Hardware Co.,	35 86
D. B. Nims,	7 05
E. Ellis,	1 50
E. Kingsbury,	5 22
Town of Sullivan, use of road machine,	10 00
E. Richardson,	6 75
Miscellaneous,	4 81
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	\$531 55
Rec'd orders from selectmen on treasury,	531 55

Amount of aid from county of Cheshire,	
on branch road,	\$100 00
Actual amount drawn from town treasury,	431 55
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	\$531 55
Appropriations for highways raised by town,	\$475 00
Aid from county of Cheshire,	100 00
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	\$575 00

Amount of expenditures less than amount of appropriations and aid,	\$43 45
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Four years ago, in consultation with the selectmen it was decided to try the use of drain tile for sluices upon our highways, putting in tile in place of wooden sluices as fast as wooden sluices should require renewing. At the present time the town has in use 14 eight inch tile sluices and one double 18 inch in place of the wooden bridge at the Nye brook on the Dakin road so called. It has proved a good investment. These sluices have required no attention, keeping themselves perfectly free from any accumulation of dirt or sediment and we recommend the use of such drains for all our highways. I recommend the town to take immediate action for the construction of an iron bridge to replace the wooden structure over the branch near the residence of William Mark.

Respectfully submitted,

CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,

Road Agent

VITAL STATISTICS.

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To the Selectmen of Roxbury:

In compliance with the general law requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following report, for the year ending February 10, 1903.

Birth Registered in the Town of Roxbury, for the Year Ending, Feb. 10, 1903.

Date	Name of Child	Sex	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Oct. 14	Henry Clarence K.	M	1	Clarence E. Knapp	Daisy E. Devine	Roxbury	Hinsdale, N. H.	Pitstown, Penna.

Marriage Registered in the Town of Roxbury, for the Year Ending, Feb. 10, 1903.

Date	Names	Residence	Place of Marriage	Age	Occupation	No. of Marriage	No. of Marriage	Birthplace
Aug. 14	Cassius M. C. Phillips	Roxbury	Marlboro', N. H.	42	Farmer	1st.	1st.	Nelson, N. H.
" 14	Katherine W. Alden	Keene, N. H.	" "	32	Housekeeper	1st.	1st.	Palmer, Mass.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Roxbury, for the Year Ending, Feb. 10, 1903.

Date	Names	Sex	S.M.or W.	Yrs.	Mo.	Days	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Maiden name of Mother
Mar. 17	Caroline E. Wheeler	F	W	69	1	3	Troy, N. H.	Luke Harris	Betsy Whitney	
June 15	Henry W. Nye	M	S	58	9	13	Roxbury, N. H.	Gardner Nye	Fannie Towns	
Sept. 6	Leonard E. Robbins	M	W	71	7	27	Milford, N. H.	Leonard Robbins	Roxena Barnes	

* Single, Married or widowed.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Number of dog licenses issued,	12
Number of dogs reported to the town clerk by the selectmen;	15
Number of dogs killed or otherwise disposed of,	3
Jurors drawn, on the 20th day of March, Lucius E. Parker was legally drawn grand juror for the April term of superior court and on the 27th day of September, Almon A. Davis was drawn grand juror to serve as such at the October term of su- perior court holden at Keene.	15

Annual town meeting was held at the town hall on the second Tuesday of March, 1902 for the election of town officers and the raising and appropriating of money. Upon the fourth day of November a biennial town meeting was holden that voters might bring in their votes for officers to be voted for at biennial elections and to make choice of a delegate to attend a Constitutional convention to be holden at Concord on the first Tuesday in December, 1902. Choice was made of Charles W. Buckminster to attend and serve as such delegate. No loss has occurred from fire during the year just closed. The following is a list of the names of owners or keepers of dogs to whom licenses have been issued and number licensed by each.

David B. Nims,	1,	Ellsworth A. Robbins,	1
Chas. W. Buckminster,	1,	Lucius E. Parker,	1
Cyrus K. Ellis,	1,	Fred W. Ruggles,	1
Perley W. Ellis,	2,	Edward Cota,	1
Wellington Wells,	1,	Almon A. Davis,	1
Cassius M. C. Phillips,	1.		

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,

Town Clerk.

TRUST FUND.

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To the Selectmen of Roxbury:

We the trustees of the Ruel H. Kingsbury trust fund, respectfully submit the following as a report of such fund for the year ending Feb. 10, 1903.

In our last report we gave the worth of said fund as sixty-seven dollars eighty-nine cents. Since that time its worth has increased so that at the present time it amounts to the sum of seventy-five dollars sixty-seven cents. From the sum of eight dollars and eight cents reported as in the hands of the trustees and not invested, the amount of two dollars was paid for mowing out and trimming in the cemetery during the past year, leaving six dollars and eight cents still in our hands for future needs. We again thank all interested in the care of our cemetery for this assistance that the wishes of the donor of this fund may be maintained.

DAVID B. NIMS,
CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,
LUCIUS E. PARKER,

Trustees.

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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in treasury, February 10, 1902,	\$18 60
Received from C. M. C. Phillips, collector for 1901,	283 50
Received from C. M. C. Phillips, collector for 1902,	681 94

Received from county of Cheshire, aid on branch road,	\$99 98
Received from C. W. Buckminster, dog license,	24 60
Received from state treasurer, savings bank tax,	38 09
Received from state treasurer, railroad tax,	2 60

	\$1,149 31
Total a'mt of orders paid from treasury,	1,121 30

	\$28 01
Assets, due from collector, 1901,	\$ 14 77
Assets, due from collector, 1902,	483 27

	\$498 04
Liabilities, balance on order No. 25 due school district,	148 00

DAVID B. NIMS, Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find
them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALMON A. DAVIS,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD,

Of the Town of Roxbury,

For The Year Ending Feb. 10, 1903.

The School Board have continued the method of educational privileges for its scholars as in our last report, with but few changes.

Paid town school district of Marlboro' tuition of Walter Parker and Florence Baker,	\$14 00
Paid City of Keene tuition of Carl Bridge, Alfred Byron, Ezra Pippin, Earnest Pippin,	17 00
Paid town school district of Sullivan tuition Charlie Buckminster and Walter E. Buckminster,	20 00
Paid City of Keene High school tuition of Eva Bridge,	30 00
Paid transportation and mileage of the before mentioned scholars,	<u>50 80</u>
Paid D. B. Nims, services as school district treasurer,	5 00
Paid C. M. C. Phillips, services as chairman of school board,	6 00
Paid G. W. C. Nye, services as member of school board,	5 00
	<u><u>\$147 80</u></u>

Although the amount of one hundred forty-seven dollars and eighty cents has been paid for tuition and transportation and mileage and salaries of school district officers, you will see that the amount of the balance in the treasury has very materially increased over that of last year and the treasurer

has been instructed to deposit it to the credit of the district. By instructions from the superintendent of public instruction the salaries of the officers of the school board were paid from amount of school money instead of from the town treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,
GEORGE W. C. NYE.

School Board of Roxbury.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 10, 1902,	\$89 52
Received from town treasurer, balance due school money 1901,	65 00
Received from town treasurer, school money for 1902,	50 00

	\$204 52
Total amount of orders from school board on treasury,	157 30

Assets, school money due from town,	\$47 22
	\$148 00

DAVID B. NIMS, Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALMON A. DAVIS, Auditor.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the School District of the town of Roxbury, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said district on the 10th day of March 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following subjects:

- 1.—To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
- 2.—To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3.—To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing two years.
- 4.—To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
- 5.—To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 6.—To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands at said Roxbury this 10th day of February, 1903.

CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,
GEORGE W. C. NYE,
School Board of Roxbury.

A true copy of warrant:

Attest: CASSIUS M. C. PHILLIPS,
GEORGE W. C. NYE,
School Board of Roxbury.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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To the inhabitants of the town of Roxbury, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1.—To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk.
- 2.—To hear the reports of the selectmen, treasurer, road agent and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto.
- 3.—To choose by ballot and major vote three selectmen.
- 4.—To choose by ballot and major vote a town treasurer.
- 5.—To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.
- 6.—To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for the support of schools.
- 7.—To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for town charges.
- 8.—To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges.

9.—To see what action the town will take for assistance on brook road so called.

10.—To see what action the town will take with City of Keene water works bill.

11.—To bring in your votes on proposed amendments to the Constitution.

12.—To see if the town will vote to establish a town library and raise money therefor.

13.—To see if the town will vote to observe Old Home Week and raise money therefor.

14.—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 10th day of February, 1903.

CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,

LUCIUS E. PARKER,

GEORGE W. C. NYE,

Selectmen of Roxbury.

A true copy of warrant:

Attest: CHAS. W. BUCKMINSTER,

LUCIUS E. PARKER,

GEORGE W. C. NYE,

Selectmen of Roxbury.

